

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A water-hammer ~~Water-hammer~~ and noise damper for intermediate members in water ducts and for connecting members for fastening to sanitary fittings, ~~with~~ comprising a water-conducting resilient hose member (14) which is radially surrounded by a rigid housing (26; 126) of ~~the~~ an intermediate member or connecting member and is water-tightly fixed to the housing, ~~and with an affluide~~ a damping element (12) water-tightly incorporated radially between the housing and hose member, ~~characterised in that~~ and a form-stable, two-part enclosure (10; 110) enclosing the damping element (12) ~~is~~ and inserted with a positive fit in the ~~separable~~ housing (26; 126).

2. (currently amended) A damper ~~Damper~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the hose member (14) has at each end a flange-like sealing bead (20) which bears against a radially inner shoulder (34 or 36) of the housing (26; 126) and is radially pressed against an encircling inner surface (38 or 40) of the housing, and wherein a radial annular disc (18) ~~of~~ at each end of the enclosure half (10.1 or 10.2; 110.1 or 110.2) contacts, ~~by its passage~~ at a rim, the sealing bead (20) on the side thereof remote from the inner shoulder (34 or 36) and surrounds the hose member (14).

3. (currently amended) A damper ~~Damper~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the hose member (14) is loaded radially outwardly at its sealing beads (20) by means of annularly closed end sections (22.1) of a cylindrical support pipe (22) with ~~preferably~~ slot shaped wall passages (22.2) for water penetration, the support pipe carrying the hose member (14) outside these wall passages (22.2).

4. (currently amended) A damper ~~Damper~~ according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidly enclosed~~ damping element (12), the ~~stiff~~ support pipe (22) and the hose member (14) clamped in place therebetween, together

form a unitary cartridge (~~10; 110 and 12; 14, 22~~) inserted in the ~~transiently opened~~ housing (~~26; 126~~).

5. (currently amended) ~~A damper~~ Damper according to claim 4, for intermediate and collecting members, the housings (~~26; 126~~) of which have a right-angular cavity profile, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the damping element (~~12~~) and enclosure (~~10; 110~~) each have a respective one of two adjacently disposed cylindrical circumferential surfaces which are coaxial with respect to the common longitudinal axis of support pipe (~~22~~) and unloaded hose member (~~14~~).

6. (currently amended) ~~A damper~~ Damper according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the enclosure (~~10; 110~~) consists of two identical complementary halves (~~10.1, 10.2; 110.1, 110.2~~) and is made of deep-drawn sheet metal or injection-moulded plastics material.

7. (currently amended) ~~A damper~~ Damper according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the enclosure (~~10~~) is divided by a virtual cross-section in a radial plane into two halves (~~10.1, 10.2~~) which abut end-to-end in a butt joint.

8. (currently amended) ~~A damper~~ Damper according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the enclosure (~~110~~) is divided by a virtual longitudinal section in an axial plane into two halves (~~110.1, 110.2~~) which are held together by means of one or two identical snap connections (~~124~~) in circumferential direction of the enclosure.

9. (currently amended) ~~A damper~~ Damper according to claim 1, wherein the housing (~~26; 126~~) of the connecting member has a cylindrical inner surface and a radial end surface (~~27; 127~~) for support of the enclosure (~~10; 110~~), ~~characterised in that~~ and the axially opposite radial end surface of the housing (~~26; 126~~) for support of the enclosure (~~10; 110~~) is formed by means of a screwed-in threaded ring (~~28; 128~~) which is provided with an axially offset external thread (~~30; 130~~) for a box nut or (~~Fig. 2~~) with an internal thread for a screwed-in flange ring (~~48~~) as support for a box nut (~~50~~).

10. (currently amended) A damper ~~Damper~~ according to claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the hose member (14) has at each end a flange-like sealing bead (20) which bears against a radially inner shoulder (~~34 or 36~~) of the housing (~~26; 126~~) and is radially pressed against an encircling inner surface (~~38 or 40~~) of the housing, ~~wherein~~ and a radial annular disc (18) of each enclosure half (~~10.1 or 10.2; 110.1 or 110.2~~) contacts, ~~by its passage at a~~ at a rim, the sealing bead (20) on the side thereof remote from the inner shoulder (~~34 or 36~~) and surrounds the hose member (14); and one (~~36~~) of the two inner shoulders (~~34, 36~~) of the housing (~~26; 126~~) and one (~~40~~) of its two encircling inner surfaces (~~38, 40~~) are formed at the threaded ring (~~28; 128~~).